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PLAYGROUND SAFETY CHECKLIST

Program staff will inspect the playground prior to allowing children outside to play. The following is a list of items that will be checked:

- ✓ All fencing is in good repair
- ✓ Gates are closed securely/latches can be/are latched.
- ✓ Remove debris/trash and animal waste
- ✓ Check for standing water i.e. puddles, filled water tables, rain filled receptacles
- ✓ Dangerous Plants
- ✓ Ensure smooth ground surfaces, remove tripping hazards such as roots and holes, etc
- ✓ Play area surfaces free of slippery material - sand, ice, water
- ✓ Fall Zone Material - ensure a minimum of 9in under all climbers and slides (rake into place)
- ✓ Remove movable play equipment from Fall Zones and around the structure
- ✓ Benches, outdoor furniture, structures, railings, etc are free from sharp edges, loose or missing parts and are cool to the touch.
- ✓ Sandboxes are free from animal waste garbage, debris and remain covered when not in use. Store cover out of the reach of children.
- ✓ Riding toys and play equipment is safe.
- ✓ Drains have covers and prevent child access
- ✓ Areas are free from stinging insects, spiders, webs, rodents, stray animals
- ✓ Report graffiti and vandalism

Report all hazards to the Site Supervisor BEFORE
the children go outside

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